



OCC Assumes Role as Vice Chair on State's Energy Efficiency Board

The Office of Consumer Counsel's ("OCC") Taren O'Connor has been elected Vice Chair of Connecticut's Energy Efficiency Board ("EEB"). The EEB was formed in 1998 by the Connecticut State Legislature and is responsible for evaluating, advising, and assisting the state's utility companies in the development and implementation of specific energy conservation plans. The EEB also oversees the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund ("CEEF"), provides input to the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority ("PURA") in regulatory matters and to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection ("DEEP") to help reach statutorily mandated state energy efficiency goals.

The EEB has several committees focusing on commercial and industrial programs, residential programs, marketing, and evaluation. Through these committees and the full Board, members offer their expertise and experience to help Connecticut consumers conserve energy in the most cost-effective way.

The OCC currently serves on the evaluation and residential committees. With ratepayers in mind, the agency's involvement continues to be focused around offering quality, cost-effective efficiency programs to Connecticut consumers. The evaluation committee has a total of twenty studies going on between 2012 and 2014, evaluating both residential programs and commercial and industrial programs.

The OCC has held the role of Vice Chair in the past, and is pleased to be in this position once again, representing the best interests of ratepayers with this active and enthusiastic group of energy professionals.